

BY THE ARBITRER.

An invitation to dine at the White House is, as was noted in this column last week, in the nature of a command. This is, of course, an unwritten, not a written, law, and it is permissible to break any other engagement to accept an invitation from the President. This rule, however, does not obtain for all functions at the White House, but only for formal dinners and special receptions, and the wrongheaded understanding of it has given rise to many amusing instances. Several years ago, for instance, society was convulsed over the antics of a well-known hostess whose daughter, a charming debutante and a warm friend of Alice Roosevelt

OBSERVATION AND PHILOSOPHY.

Keep Busy; Always Busy.
Show me the man or the woman who does decent work and I will show you the most discontented, poverty-stricken of mortals. Nor do I mean the frivoli-
ous, worthless occupation of the moment, but good, wholesome, carefully planned work of both mind and body—work that brings a result and makes us feel even through

"SO WAGS THE WORLD."

a crate of oranges (with Mike's help, aged eight), six bottles of champagne. When asked about her father's best Havana, Jane winked and admitted that in the transaction, she said: "Why, you had lots more! Was it a harm?" Her mother, who had spent \$3,000 on her rich relatives, friends, and family, threatened to "spank Jenny," her grandfather said. He hadn't enjoyed such a laugh for twenty years; her father quietly remarked, "Spank her, indeed! Jane is the only Christian this family has produced since I've known it. I'll see what I can do for the Irish' family honored by her friendship, and when I join the church."

All these things, perhaps, must be, and we are being educated every day to think they must be, but they alone are no

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Children.

Next to children come the poor in interest. Perhaps the loveliest presents given on earth at all times and seasons, especially the holiest are given by the poor to each other. Another told bought a bunch of onions for her mother in market, wrapped them in a huge newspaper, and tied them with a piece of rope. "I knew what you liked!" she cried. "I likes 'em, too. They does taste so good, and a person smells so sweet after a eatin' of 'em." Joy is not confined to the rich, thank God! It will soon

the sod. Our grief was intense, maddening, perhaps, but it is over and we walk on through life, wiser and sadder, for-

WORLD."

What Time is going to bring and leave for us all, and all ours here and elsewhere, we should all like uncommonly to know.

FRANCES COURTENAY BAYLOR.

WISE GENEALOGICAL VIEWS.

EARLIEST DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WILLS.—Continued.

PARRELL, PATRICK, ordinary seaman on U. S. brig *Argonaut*, Dated January 3, 1865. Proved December 9, 1865. No evidence of marriage.

WELLS, WILLIAM, master-at-arms on U. S. brig *Argonaut*, Dated July 7, 1864. Proved December 9, 1865. No evidence of marriage.

SHAW, JOHN, private, U. S. frigate *Congress*, Dated September 10, 1865. Proved December 9, 1865. No evidence of marriage.

GORMAN, EDWARD, late of U. S. frigate *Philadelphia*, Dated October 1, 1864. Proved December 9, 1865. No evidence of marriage.

HOLMEAD, SUSANNA, of "Washington County in the Territory of Columbia." Dated November 27, 1865. Proved December 9, 1865. No evidence of marriage.

ANDREY, Daughters, Sarah Speake, wife of Josias M. Speake, and Loretta Pairo. Sister, Dorothy Mattingly. Nephew, Rufus Speake (not of age). Cousins, Elizabeth, Altha, Mary, and Barack, all unmarried Orphans.

WILLIAMS, ELISHA O., of Georgetown, D. C. Dated December 1, 1865. Proved January 21, 1866. Refused to be sworn, but not by name.

Brother, Thomas O. Williams.

REPLIES

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Christ Church Marriages, Washing-
ton, D. C.—Continued

1512, Dec. 2, Thomas Tingley—Ann B. Dolan,
1513, Jan. 13 John Howard—Milly Olson.
1512, Dec. 18, William Henry—Sarah Brown.
1513, Dec. 2, John Lewis—Nancy C. Brown.
1512, Dec. 28, Lewis Mills—Mary Gardiner.
1513, Jan. 19, Andrew Forrest—Ann H. Moore.
1513, Jan. 19, David H. Smith—Mary H. Smith.
1512, Jan. 30, Walter Mitchell—Matilda Matilda.
1513, Jan. 27, Otto R. Beall—Mary Beabers.
1513, Feb. 10, John Beall—Mary Beabers.
1513, Feb. 10, Filder Stodert—Amelia T. Beall.
1513, Feb. 11, Dominick Cherry—Ann Hurdle.
1513, Feb. 11, Edward H. Hurdle—Mary Hurdle.
1513, Feb. 18, Samuel Ringold—Mary H. Tolson.
1513, Feb. 17, George Mason—Eliza Mason.
1513, Feb. 17, John Peshin—Ann Peere (or Jere).
1513, Feb. 17, John Peere—Ann Peere (or Jere).
1513, March 12, Moses Liverpool—Susan Thompson.
1513, March 28, Kennedy Brown—Charlotte C. Rowe.
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1513, March 27, John C. Brush—Mary Dorne.
1513, April 8, Gold C. Grammer—Eliza Dorne.
1513, April 15, Edith C. Grammer—Eliza Dorne.
1513, April 17, Peter Locgins—Deborah Lowe.
1513, April 22, Walter Beckett—Jewell Lewin.
1513, May 2, William Barnes—Margaret Pfistoff.
1513, May 9, Jonathan E. Barnes—Margaret Pfistoff.
1513, May 9, James Simmons—Mary M. Barclay.
1513, June 3, Levi Sheriff—Matilda Wilson.
1513, June 3, James Rickert—Matilda Wilson.
1513, July 8, James Bell—Betsey Williams.
1513, July 13, John Little—Eliza Irwin.
1513, Aug. 1, Elizabeth Little—Eliza Irwin.
1513, Aug. 6, Andrew T. McCormick—Hannah Phillips.
1513, Aug. 7, Philip Deakins—Margaret Dougherty.
1513, Aug. 8, John Stone—Verlenda Baldwin.
1513, Aug. 19, Charles Glover—Jane Cocking.
1513, Aug. 29, George Page—Sophia Beal.
1513, Oct. 1, George Page—Sophia Beal.
1513, Oct. 2, Jeremiah Mullean—Polly Scott.
1513, Oct. 2, Henry I. Allen—Hannah Owner.
1513, Oct. 2, George Allen—Hannah Owner.
1513, Nov. 4, Thomas Vaughan—Anna R. Sweney.
1513, Nov. 12, John Barnes—Catharine Conner.
1513, Nov. 16, Henry Charles Lewis—Caroline C. De-
Carnap.
1513, Dec. 2, James Danford—Sarah Winder.
1513, Dec. 2, Thomas White—Nancy Hodges.
1513, Jan. 1, William B. Branch—Louisa Laguarder.
1514, Jan. 18, Richard Martin—Rebecca Gedge.
1514, Feb. 3, Benjamin H. Sansbury—Harriet Sans-
bury.
1514, Feb. 22, Benjamin Jones—Drusy Farrier.
1514, April 10, Adam Lord—Sarah Trench.
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1514, April 21, Maran D. Soper—Elizabeth Pope.
1514, April 26, Thomas Young—Betsey Simpson.
1514, April 28, Stephen Use—Robertson—Elizabeth
Hunt.